

**Weekly Evidence Surveillance 04/11/2025**

Source	Item	Pub Date	Details	Public Health Theme
<a href="#">ECDC</a>	<a href="#">Hepatitis B vaccination policies, practices and challenges to achieving hepatitis elimination in the European Union and European Economic Area</a>	06/11/2025	This report provides an overview of current information on hepatitis B virus (HBV) vaccination among European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries. It highlights progress towards the 2025 interim targets related to vaccination that are defined in the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional action plans on ending AIDS and the epidemics of viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) 2022–2030.	<b>Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance</b>
<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Catalyzing solutions for equitable global access and sustainable financing for novel tuberculosis vaccines for adults and adolescents</a>	06/11/2025	This report was developed by the WHO TB Vaccine Accelerator Finance and Access working group, co-led by WHO, Gavi and the Government of South Africa. It sets out the working group’s shared vision for equitable access to novel TB vaccines and will advance a shared understanding of the current landscape and its possible evolution in the future. It identifies six urgently needed solutions to accelerate access and financing and highlights the roles of different stakeholders to support the implementation of these solutions.	<b>Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance</b>
<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Risk assessment of Listeria monocytogenes in foods: part 2: Risk assessment: meeting report</a>	04/11/2025	This report describes the output of this expert meeting, and the advice herein is useful for both risk assessors and risk managers, at national and international levels and those in the food industry working to control the hazard in foods.	<b>Environment &amp; Health</b>
<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Intersectoral global action plan on epilepsy and other neurological disorders</a>	04/11/2025	In May 2022, Member States adopted the Intersectoral global action plan on epilepsy and other neurological disorders 2022-2031, which aims to improve access to treatment and care and quality of life of people with neurological disorders, their carers and families as well as promote brain health across the life-course. It includes actions to be undertaken by all stakeholders to attain the global targets. The strategic objectives of the global action plan address issues such as	<b>Public Health Systems &amp; Tools/Policies/Reviews</b>

			policy and governance; effective, timely and responsive diagnosis, treatment and care; promotion and prevention; research, innovation and information systems; and a public health response to epilepsy.	
<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Selected practice recommendations for contraceptive use, 4th ed.</a>	03/11/2025	This document is part of the process for improving the quality of care in family planning. Selected practice recommendations for contraceptive use (SPR) presents current World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations on how to use contraceptive methods safely and effectively once they are deemed to be medically appropriate.	<b>Sexual Health</b>
<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP) guideline for mental, neurological and substance use disorders: executive summary</a>	03/11/2025	This guideline includes 48 updated and new evidence-based recommendations related to MNS conditions. The guideline is targeted towards non-specialized health workers at primary- or secondary-level healthcare facilities, or those working at the district level including basic inpatient and outpatient services.	<b>Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics</b>
<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Medical eligibility criteria for contraceptive use, 6th ed.</a>	03/11/2025	This document is part of the process for improving the quality of care in family planning. Medical eligibility criteria for contraceptive use (MEC) presents current World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations on the safety of various contraceptive methods for use in the context of specific health conditions and personal or physiological characteristics.	<b>Sexual Health</b>
<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for Tuberculosis: annual meeting report, Geneva, Switzerland, 10-11 June 2025</a>	03/11/2025	This report provides the conclusions and recommendations of the 25th meeting of the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for Tuberculosis (STAG-TB), held in June 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland. In its work on TB, the World Health Organization (WHO) aims for a world free of TB and, as part of the Sustainable Development Goals, to end the global TB epidemic by 2030. It seeks to enable universal access to TB prevention and care, guide the global response to threats, and promote innovation. The WHO Secretariat, at all its levels, requires regular scientific, technical and strategic advice from the STAG-TB.	<b>Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance</b>
<a href="#">CDC</a>	<a href="#">Salmonella outbreak linked to moringa leaf, an ingredient in</a>	31/10/2025	A CDC food safety alert regarding a multistate outbreak of Salmonella infections linked to moringa leaf powder has been posted.	<b>Environment &amp; Health</b>

	<a href="#"><u>powdered supplements</u></a>			
UKHSA	<a href="#"><u>Rabies post exposure risk assessment form and calendar</u></a>	06/11/2025	Risk assessment form for rabies post exposure treatment. <b>6 November 2025:</b> Added version 46.1, with updated immunoglobulin batch number, vial volume and expiry date	<b>Environment &amp; Health</b>
UKHSA	<a href="#"><u>Over 5 million under 65s with a long-term health condition could miss out flu vaccine</u></a>	06/11/2025	News story - The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is concerned that many people at risk may not know they are eligible for a flu vaccine.	<b>Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance</b>
UKHSA	<a href="#"><u>Lived experience: informing inclusive health protection</u></a>	05/11/2025	A co-produced report to inform inclusion health action in health protection. <b>5 November 2025:</b> Link to 'Insights from people with lived experience to inform inclusive approaches to health protection' webinar added.	<b>Public Health Systems &amp; Tools/Policies/R eviews</b>
UKHSA	<a href="#"><u>Health equity guidance and reports on key population groups</u></a>	05/11/2025	This collection includes reports and guidance on health equity in health protection is categorised by relevance to key population groups. <b>5 November 2025:</b> 'Management of tuberculosis in secure settings in England' added.	<b>Public Health Systems &amp; Tools/Policies/R eviews</b>
UKHSA	<a href="#"><u>Enhanced surveillance of childhood cases of hepatitis B and C in England</u></a>	04/11/2025	This protocol details the objectives and methods of collection for the surveillance of childhood cases of hepatitis B and hepatitis C in England. <b>4 November 2025:</b> Updated links to notification and clinical baseline forms in Appendix 1.	<b>Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance</b>
UKHSA	<a href="#"><u>Influenza: treatment and prophylaxis using anti-viral agents</u></a>	04/11/2025	Guidance on how to manage influenza (flu) using anti-viral agents. <b>4 November 2025:</b> 'Guidance on use of antiviral agents for the treatment and prophylaxis of seasonal influenza' updated and converted to html: The major changes from version 11.0 (November 2021) include: - change in working definition for severity of influenza disease from uncomplicated and complicated influenza to non-severe and severe influenza - updated information about influenza antiviral resistance - description and advice on use of new antiviral baloxavir marboxil - updated treatment recommendation tables	<b>Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance</b>

			- the ability to prescribe influenza antivirals out-of-season in primary care is no longer dependent on the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) notification indicating the start of seasonal influenza circulation and recommendations have been changed to reflect this.	
UKHSA	<a href="#"><u>Consent: the green book, chapter 2</u></a>	04/11/2025	Information for public health professionals on immunisation. <b>4 November 2025:</b> This chapter has been revised to include the Care Quality Commission position on consent to treatment, clarification on who may seek consent to vaccination and information on consent in those under 16 years of age, disagreement between parents and delivery of vaccination in schools.	<b>Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance</b>
UKHSA	<a href="#"><u>Referring influenza samples to UKHSA's respiratory virus unit</u></a>	03/11/2025	How to refer flu samples to UKHSA's respiratory virus unit for diagnosis, subtyping, antiviral resistance testing and surveillance.	<b>Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance</b>
UKHSA	<a href="#"><u>Measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) vaccination programme</u></a>	06/11/2025	Documents relating to the measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) vaccination programme. <b>6 November 2025:</b> Healthcare practitioner slideset linked.	<b>Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance</b>
PHA-NI	<a href="#"><u>The Implications of Covid-19 restrictions for children and young people – A rapid review of evidence relevant to Northern Ireland</u></a>	05/11/2025	This 2025 rapid review summarises relevant evidence, selected using a systematic search and defined inclusion/exclusion criteria, and intends to provide an overall picture of the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions on children and young people in Northern Ireland, through a process carried out with due scientific rigour. It shows the range and varied nature of impacts on different groups of children and young people. It summarises the impact on their relationships, loneliness and social isolation, mental health and wellbeing, education, learning and development, activities and sleep, physical health, financial and wider family impacts and safeguarding. It explores the impact on specific groups including those who experienced higher levels of disruption due to the pandemic, disabled children and young people, children and young people with disabilities, and those with particular individual or family characteristics and experiences. It draws out the main themes of	<b>Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance</b>

			policy and practice recommendations made by the studies that were included.	
<u>PHA-NI</u>	<u><a href="#">COVID-19 vaccine - a guide for people with a learning disability</a></u>	04/11/2025	This easy read guide to the COVID-19 vaccine talks about the virus, the vaccine and who is eligible, how you get it and any potential side effects.	<b>Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance</b>
<u>PHA-NI</u>	<u><a href="#">Taking ANTIBIOTICS when you don't need them puts you and your family at risk</a></u>	04/11/2025	This leaflet encourages people to take health professional advice on the use of antibiotics.	<b>Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)</b>
<u>NICE</u>	<u><a href="#">Cabotegravir for preventing HIV-1 in adults and young people</a></u>	05/11/2025	<p><b>People who cannot have oral PrEP</b></p> <p>1.1</p> <p>Cabotegravir is recommended as an option for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) alongside safer sex practices to reduce the risk of sexually acquired HIV-1 infection in adults and young people at high risk of getting HIV and who weigh at least 35 kg, only if: they cannot have oral PrEP</p> <p>cabotegravir is purchased at the Medicines and Procurement Supply Chain framework price.</p> <p><b>People who can have oral PrEP</b></p> <p>1.2</p> <p>Cabotegravir is <b>not</b> recommended for PrEP alongside safer sex practices to reduce the risk of sexually acquired HIV-1 infection in adults and young people at high risk of getting HIV and who weigh at least 35 kg, if they can have oral PrEP.</p>	<b>Sexual Health</b>
<u>ESRI</u>	<u><a href="#">Loneliness among the adult population in Ireland and associations with mental health</a></u>	07/11/2025	This Bulletin summaries the findings from: Mohan, G. (2025) 'Who is lonely in the EU's loneliest nation?' A post-pandemic examination of loneliness among the adult population in Ireland, and associations with mental health. Journal of the Statistical and Social Inquiry of Ireland. Available at: <a href="https://www.tara.tcd.ie/handle/2262/112175">https://www.tara.tcd.ie/handle/2262/112175</a>	<b>Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics</b>

HPRA	<a href="#"><u>Phenergan 25mg film-coated tablets and Phenergan 5mg/5ml oral solution - new contraindication</u></a>	06/11/2025	This update is to inform healthcare professionals of a new contraindication for Phenergan oral administration in patients with known, documented long QT syndrome	
HIQA	<a href="#"><u>Evidence to inform the Draft Overarching National Standards for the Care and Support of Children using Health and Social Care Health and Social Care Services</u></a>	03/11/2025	HIQA and the Mental Health Commission (MHC) have developed Draft Overarching National Standards for the Care and Support of Children using Health and Social Care Services. These standards set out what outcomes a child using health and social care services should expect and what a service provider needs to do to achieve these outcomes.	<b>Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics</b>
HIQA	<a href="#"><u>Evidence to inform the Draft National Standards for Children's Social Services</u></a>	03/11/2025	HIQA has developed Draft National Standards for Children's Social Services. These standards are for children at risk in the community or in the care of the State and set out what outcomes a child using children's social services should expect and what a service provider needs to do to achieve these outcomes.	<b>Public Health Systems &amp; Tools/Policies/Reviews</b>
HIQA	<a href="#"><u>Evidence to inform the Draft National Standards for Home Support Services</u></a>	03/11/2025	HIQA has developed draft National Standards for Home Support Services. These standards set out the outcomes a person using home support services should expect and what a service provider needs to do to achieve these outcomes	<b>Public Health Systems &amp; Tools/Policies/Reviews</b>
HIQA	<a href="#"><u>Healthcare Overview Report 2024</u></a>	07/11/2025	HIQA has a remit to: monitor compliance with the National Standards for Safer Better Healthcare in public and private healthcare services. conduct statutory reviews or investigations into healthcare services where there are potential serious patient safety concerns impacting on the health and welfare of patients using those services. and to regulate all service providers (undertakings) of medical exposures to ionising radiation. This overview report summarises the key findings from this work across healthcare services in 2024.	<b>Public Health Systems &amp; Tools/Policies/Reviews</b>
HIQA	<a href="#"><u>Health technology assessment of</u></a>	06/11/2025	The aim of teledermatology-supported referral management is to manage patients more efficiently and help dermatologists triage	<b>Public Health Systems &amp;</b>

	<a href="#"><u>teledermatology to support the management of primary care referrals</u></a>		<p>patients.</p> <p>The Health Service Executive (HSE) requested that HIQA complete a health technology assessment (HTA) to inform a decision on the implementation of teledermatology to support the management of primary care referrals. A draft report describing the results of the assessment is being made available for public consultation prior to being finalised.</p>	<b>Tools/Policies/R eviews</b>
<a href="#"><u>PHS</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>National guidance on managing the risks of public memorials after a probable suicide</u></a>	06/11/2025	<p>This guidance is for local multi-agency steering groups for suicide prevention.</p> <p>It discusses how to respond to and manage memorials for suicides or probable suicides in public spaces.</p> <p>It is essential to note that any recommendations within this guidance are only advised following consideration and consultation with the immediate family or relevant others.</p>	<b>Public Health Systems &amp; Tools/Policies/R eviews</b>
<a href="#"><u>PHS</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Public health management of elevated lead levels in drinking water</u></a>	05/11/2025	<p>This guidance has been developed for use in Scotland through the Scottish Health Protection Network (SHPN). This national guidance should be used as the primary reference document. This will promote consistency and minimise unnecessary variation in professional practice across Scotland. However, it does not replace individual expert judgement or local response arrangements.</p>	<b>Environment &amp; Health</b>
<a href="#"><u>IDSA</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>IDSA releases RSV and flu vaccine guidelines for people who are immunocompromised</u></a>	04/11/2025	<p>The Infectious Diseases Society of America released new flu and RSV vaccination guidelines for adults and children who are immunocompromised. Experts in infectious diseases recommend that all adults and children who are immunocompromised receive an age-appropriate flu vaccine for the 2025-2026 season. All adults and adolescents who are immunocompromised should receive the RSV vaccine, and for children under the age of 18, parents and/or guardians should consult their children’s health care providers.</p> <p>The panel noted that live-attenuated flu vaccines, such as FluMist, are not recommended for people who are immunocompromised or the people living in their household. Patients should discuss vaccination timing and other individual considerations with their health care providers.</p>	<b>Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance</b>

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<a href="#">IAEA</a>	<a href="#">Nuclear Explained – Why Do We Need Nuclear Power?</a>	06/11/2025	Henri Paillere, Head of Planning and Economic Studies Section at the IAEA, explains the global shift towards nuclear power and the flexibility and stability that it offers. In this episode, Paillere also explains how nuclear power can integrate with renewable energy sources, applications beyond electricity production and the overall costs of this clean energy source.
<a href="#">ProMED</a>	<a href="#">ProMed Mail</a>	07/11/2025	Click through to read latest posts re infectious diseases globally.

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